

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN CHASE HIBBARD**, on February 1, 1999 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 437 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Chase Hibbard, Chairman (R)
Rep. Kim Gillan, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Bob Story, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Gary Beck (D)
Rep. Rick Dale (R)
Rep. Bob Davies (R)
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)
Rep. Daniel Fuchs (R)
Rep. Mary Anne Guggenheim (D)
Rep. Hal Harper (D)
Rep. Dan Harrington (D)
Rep. John L. Holden (R)
Rep. Verdell Jackson (R)
Rep. Scott J. Orr (R)
Rep. Bob Raney (D)
Rep. Bill Rehbein (R)
Rep. Sam Rose (R)
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Rep. Roger Somerville (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Marian Hanson (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Donna Grace, Committee Secretary
Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted:

HB 240 - 1/26/1999

HB 397 - 1/29/1999

HB 358 - 1/25/1999

Executive Action:

None.

HEARING ON HB 240

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Emily Swanson, House District 30

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 1.1}

Proponents' Testimony:

Mark O'Keefe, State Auditor

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 7.6}

Ron deYong, Montana Farmers Union

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 13.6}

Chuck Butler, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 14.9}

Irene Theurer, American Association of Retired Persons

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 18.3}

Riley Johnson, National Federation of Small Business Association

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 18.7}

Bob Olson, Montana Association of Health Care Providers Assn.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 20.5}

Mary Allen, MMBP

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 22.6}

Craig Sweet, Small Businessman, Missoula

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 22.6}

Al Pontrelli, Montana Association of Life Underwriters

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 24.8}

John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 25.5}

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 25.8}

Closing by Sponsor:

The sponsor closed.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 18.5}

HEARING ON HB 358

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Beverly Barnhart, House District 29 **EXHIBIT**(tah25a01)

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 23.5}

Proponents' Testimony:

Sen. Mignon Waterman, Senate District 26

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 25}

Opponents' Testimony:

Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Business

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 2}

Informational Testimony:

Linda Currie, Department of Health and Human Services

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 4.7}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 9.2}

Closing by Sponsor:

The sponsor closed.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 26.4}

HEARING ON HB 397

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. David Ewer, House District 53

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0.1}

Proponents' Testimony:

Tim Burch, Chief Administrative Officer, Lewis and Clark County

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 5.6}

Alec Hanson, League of Cities and Towns

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 7.8}

Opponents' Testimony:

Ronna Alexander, Montana Petroleum Retail Association

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 12.3}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 18.4}

Closing by Sponsor:

The sponsor closed.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 6.7}

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Chairman Hibbard announced that he would appoint sub-committees in the following areas: Business Equipment, Homeowner Relief, Motor Vehicle Tax, Local Option/Sales Tax, and Income Tax.

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Adjourn.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 12.5}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:35 A.M.

REP. CHASE HIBBARD, Chairman

DONNA GRACE, Secretary

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